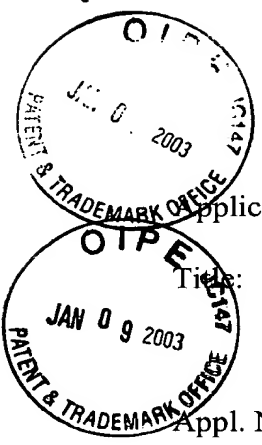


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2002, the Advisory Action dated June 19, 2002, and supplements the Amendment filed on June 10, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This communication is also being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, filed under separate cover.

Please amend the application as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), a marked up version of the amended claims showing the changes made with brackets and underlines is attached as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 19, 22, and 23 and replace with the following clean versions:

1. (Three Times Amended) A DUV-capable microscope objective,
comprising:

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